

Remarks:

Claims 1-22 remain in the application.

Claims 1-15 stand as rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph due to some inconsistency in terms. The claims have been amended to obviate that informality and others noted and this indefiniteness rejection hopefully is overcome.

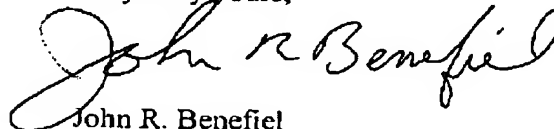
Claims 1-22 all stand as rejected as anticipated by Koenig (US 5,884,531 under 35 USC § 102 (b)).

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to more clearly and positively claim the shifter assembly base housing in combination with the cable and an integral cable connector and the method as applied to a shifter assembly base housing used to operate an automotive drive unit.

These amendments are believed to clearly distinguish claims 1-22 over Koenig who only describes a connector per se not integrated with a shifter base housing, and there is no suggestion in the references of record of that combination or method.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested of those claims.

Very truly yours,



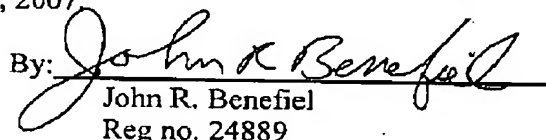
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